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As mother of Heinrich SCHREIER sentenced by British Mil Court at Lüneburg to 15 Years imprisonment I ask to release my son from prison. The sentence was served at Hamburg- Fu. at first, and now he is held at Werl Prison. My son was accused to have been employed at Auschwitz and Belsen Camp. The charge is supported by two witnesses

- 1) The Polish woman COPPER stated that my son was a SS-Oberscharführer and in charge of the political department at Auschwitz 42/43 when he was only 19 Years of age. These statements were believed by the Court only with reservation. Kopper herself was sentenced to 15 Years imprisonment and is held at Hamburg/Fu.
- 2) A Pole who is not known to my son and who did not even attend the trial alleged in his notice that he identified my son as a former "Blockleiter" of Auschwitz by a photograph, and that he has illtreated prisoners. In spite of these insufficient charges of the two Polish witnesses, my son got a sentence of 15 Years' imprisonment. The following details will explain that my son was accused and sentenced innocently.

MY son was 18 Years of age when he was called up to the
 air force in October 1941 and trained as medical orderly from
 April 42 to January 44 with a signal corps, transferred to
 Roumania, then to Bohemia and Germany and finally to Norwegia.
 In 1944 the troop returned to German/ and fought near Stettin
 during the last days of the war. On theretreat they were disarmed
 by the Americans and brought to Belsen and, still with his troop,
 he was a medical orderly. He was arrested as he was tattoed on
 his left upper arm similarly as the SS-Tattoo. But I should like
 to say to this that we lived in Roumania and returned to German/
 in 1941 and everybod/ was tattoed then. I was a 61 Years' old woman
 at that time and have the tattoo still today. It was taken ~~mf~~ as
 proof of his membership of the SS, his photograph was presented to
 former inmates of Camps and the 2 above mentioned persons stated
 to know ~~mf~~ son, whereas 40 of the invited persons did not charge
 him. KOPPER alleged that ~~mf~~ son was also employed in Belsen, this
 however, could not be proved. ~~mf~~ son was employed neither at
 Auschwitz nor at Belsen, but only with the above mentioned ~~corps~~,
 and his identity card of the International Red Cross is still in
 his record. Unfortunately we lived outside German/ and have no
 friends to relieve ~~mf~~ son.

I myself am blind and am accommodated in a hut and live on charity. My blindness does not allow me to start any investigation, and my son is hindered by his detention. The statements of Kopper are unworthy of belief and born of hatred only, and she herself was sentenced to 15 years imprisonment for having ill-treated ~~xxxxxx~~ her fellow-prisoners. There are no other charges against my son. I cannot understand how he could be sentenced to 15 years imprisonment ~~for having ill-treated her fellow-prisoners~~ ~~There are no other charges against my son~~. I cannot understand on such a trifling charge. The judgment was passed in the first period of revenge and I am sure that today this case would be treated different and I ask the British Military Government to release my son.

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(signed) M. SCHREIER